

ALFORD LAKE

Hope Twp., Knox Co.
U.S.G.S. West Rockport, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnnows
Brown trout	Golden shiner
Brook Trout	White sucker
Rainbow smelt	Hornpout (bullhead)
Smallmouth bass	Banded killifish
White perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellow perch	American eel
Chain pickerel	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 577 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 68°F

Maximum depth - 78 feet

77 feet - 49°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout; Brook trout;
Rainbow smelt; Smallmouth bass; White perch

Alford Lake is a typical coastal Maine oligotrophic lake with sufficient cold water to support coldwater sport fish but occasionally experiences low dissolved oxygen in the deepest part of the lake. Annual stockings of trout are necessary to maintain these fisheries because spawning and nursery habitat is lacking.

Management of coldwater fish has shifted any times over the years from landlocked salmon to brown trout. When splake became available through the Department's hatchery system an experimental program began. Splake stockings continued for 4 years, but because they did not perform brown trout the stockings were discontinued. Currently, brown trout are stocked

annually along with spring-yearling brook trout. The brown trout are surviving to older ages to provide larger fish while brook trout provide 'faster' fishing.

A free public boat launch facility is located on the west shore of Alford Lake, but a nominal fee is charged for parking a vehicle at the local fish and game club.

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